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WALL FOR RETAINING
EARTHEN FORMATIONS**

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This is supplemental to the Preliminary Amendment filed simultaneously with the filing of the present application.

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Original) A soil reinforced retaining wall for an earthen formation, comprising:

- a) a plurality of welded wire soil reinforcing mats successively embedded in the formation one above the other in generally horizontal spaced relationship, each mat having a generally horizontal floor comprised of a gridwork of wires and a face comprised of generally vertically extending wires wherein the wires of the face of each mat